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NEW POST OFFICES IN J & K
VISHNU DATT

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government have proposed to open new, sub and branch post offices and installation of new post boxes in States;

(b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise;

(c) the number of new, sub and branch post offices proposed to be opened in Jammu and Kashmir particularly in Poonch region during 2000-2001; and

(d) the steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Union Government for the improvement of Postal Services including modernisation of mail service in the State?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI TAPAN SIKDAR)

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) the details of number of sub and branch post offices proposed to be opened during the current Annual Plan 2000-2001 are available in Annexure `A`. Letter boxes are installed as and when justification is found. It is an on going process for which no targets are fixed.

(c) There is a proposal to open 7 Extra Departmental Branch Offices(EDBOs) and 1 Departmental Post Office in the State of Jammu and Kashmir. Out of these one has been opened in Jammu (Mishriwala) and two others are proposed to be opened in Barnai and Chak Umrah. The Dangri EDBO in Rajouri district is proposed to be upgraded to the status of Departmental Sub Office. Presently, there is no proposal for opening of a Post Office in Poonch region. The opening of new post offices are dependent upon fulfilment of departmental norms and sanctioning of required posts by the Ministry of Finance.

(d) Several steps have been taken for the improvement of postal services in the State. 92 multi purpose counter machines have been installed in various post offices as on 31/3/2000. 12 Extended Satellite Money Order Stations (ESMO) have been installed. 3 VSATs (Very Small aperture Terminals) have also been installed. 13 Post Offices in the State have been modernised.

The names of the post offices modernised are :

1. Gandhi Nagar H.O., 2. Leh H.O., 3. Udhampur H.O., 4. Kathua H.O.,

5. Anantnag H.O., 6. Jammu H.O., 7. Srinagar H.O., 8. RSPO S.O.,

9. Trikuta Nagar S.O., 10. Vinayak Bazar S.O., 11. Lakhanpur S.O., 12. Reasi S.O.,
13. SR Gunj S.O..

During the current year, a sum of Rs. 25/- Lakhs has been allotted for modernisation of post offices in the State.

Steps have been takien for modernisation of the mail services in the J&K State. The Registration Branch of Sorting Office in Jammu Railway Mail Service (RMS Office) has been computerised. It is also proposed to further modernise the Jammu RMS during this Current Financial year. Speed Post Services have been extended to District Headquarters Pulwama Baramulla, Anantnag, Sopore, Akhoor and Kathua. ESMOs are proposed to be installed in Baramulla, Sopore, Pulwama and Anantnag. ESMO has al;so installed at Rajouri H.O. for swift transmission of money orders in Poonch and Rajouri.

Annexure- `A`

TARGET FOR OPENING OF EXTRA DEPARTMENTAL BRANCH POST OFFICES AND SUB POST OFFICES DURING A PLAN 2000-2001.

Sl. No.	Name of Circle	Extra Departmental Branch Offices (EDBOs)	Departmental Sub Offices (DSOs)
1	Andhra Pradesh	15	2
2	Assam	30	3
3	Bihar	75	7
4	Delhi	4	2
5	Gujarat	20	3
6	Haryana	15	2
7	Himachal Pradesh	7	1
8	Jammu & Kashmir	5	1
9	Karnataka	21	2
10	Kerala	4	2
11	Madhya Pradesh	40	3
12	Maharashtra	60	2
13	North-East	40	2
14	Orissa	10	2
15	Punjab	14	2
16	Rajasthan	20	2
17	Tamil Nadu	15	2
18	Uttar Pradesh	50	3
19	West Bengal	55	7
TOTAL		500	50